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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2005–06 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1210

Introduced by Assembly Member Levine

February 22, 2005

An act to add Chapter 4.1 (commencing with Section 6310) to Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code, relating to a Holocaust memorial.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1210, as amended, Levine. ~~State-capitol~~ *Capitol*: Holocaust memorial.

Existing law provides for the placement of certain memorials on the grounds of the State Capitol, including a Vietnam Veterans Memorial, and establishes a commission with responsibilities related to the design and construction of that memorial.

This bill would make legislative findings about the need for the creation of a Holocaust memorial on the grounds of the State Capitol and provide for the establishment of a commission in that regard. The bill would authorize the construction of the memorial on the grounds of the State Capitol. The bill would prohibit the expenditure of state moneys ~~for the purposes of this act which would be repealed on January 1, 2008~~ *these purposes*.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:

(a) Sixty years ~~has~~ *have* passed since the end of World War II and the Jewish Holocaust.

(b) At least 6 million Jews and ~~5 million~~ others were murdered in the Holocaust by the Nazis and Nazi sympathizers.

(c) California is home to about 5,500 Holocaust survivors, many of whom continue to seek compassion and understanding for the atrocities that they faced in concentration and labor camps around Europe during World War II.

(d) California is home to more than a million Jews, many of whom are descendants of Holocaust victims and survivors.

(e) The atrocities of the Holocaust must never be repeated in the future; “We shall never forget.”

SEC. 2. Chapter 4.1 (commencing with Section 6310) is added to Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code, to read:

CHAPTER 4.1. HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL

6310. (a) There is in state government the Holocaust Memorial Commission composed of nine members, as follows:

(1) Two members appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly, at least one of whom shall be a Member of the Assembly. The nonlegislative member shall be a Holocaust survivor or ~~an individual recommended by an organization representing Holocaust survivors.~~ *a descendant of a Holocaust survivor.*

(2) Two members appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules, at least one of whom shall be a Member of the Senate. The nonlegislative member shall be a Holocaust survivor or ~~an individual recommended by an organization representing Holocaust survivors.~~ *a descendant of a Holocaust survivor.*

(3) Five members appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall be a member of the Governor’s staff or a Governor’s appointee in the executive branch of state government and at least four of whom shall be Holocaust survivors or ~~individuals recommended by an organization representing Holocaust survivors.~~ *descendants of Holocaust survivors.*

1 (b) The members shall elect one of their number to serve as
2 chairperson.

3 (c) Members of the Legislature shall serve on the commission
4 as ex officio members without vote and shall participate in the
5 activities of the commission to the extent that the participation is
6 not incompatible with their legislative duties.

7 (d) Members of the commission shall receive no compensation
8 but, except for the legislative members, shall receive per diem
9 and expenses while engaged in commission activities.

10 ~~(e) The commission may request staff support and facilities for~~
11 ~~its activities from the Department of General Services, and the~~
12 ~~department may provide that support.~~

13 6311. (a) The construction of a memorial to California's
14 Holocaust survivors on the grounds of the State Capitol is hereby
15 authorized. For purposes of this chapter, the grounds of the State
16 Capitol are that property in the City of Sacramento bounded by
17 Ninth, Fifteenth, "L," and "N" Streets. The actual site for the
18 memorial shall be selected by the commission after consultation
19 with the Department of General Services.

20 (b) Funds for the construction of the memorial shall be
21 provided through private contributions. The commission may
22 receive contributions for this purpose.

23 6312. With respect to the design and construction of the
24 memorial, the commission may do all of the following:

25 (a) Establish a schedule for design, construction, and
26 dedication of the memorial.

27 (b) Implement procedures to solicit designs for the memorial
28 and devise a selection process for the choice of the design.

29 (c) Select individuals or organizations to provide fundraising
30 services and to construct the memorial.

31 (d) Review and monitor the design and construction of the
32 memorial and establish a program for the dedication of the
33 memorial.

34 (e) Report to the Legislature biannually through the Assembly
35 Rules Committee on the progress of the memorial
36 notwithstanding Section 7550.5.

37 6313. No state moneys shall be expended for any of the
38 purposes specified in this chapter. Funds for the construction of
39 the memorial shall be provided exclusively through private
40 contributions for this purpose.

1 ~~6314. This chapter shall remain in effect only until January 1,~~
2 ~~2008, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted~~
3 ~~statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2008, deletes or extends~~
4 ~~that date.~~

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